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The payoff: Graduation nears

The Parthenon

More students are scheduled to graduate from Marshall this semester than ever before.

According to the Office of University Relations, Marshall will award about 2,518 degrees during commencement, which is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m., May 6 at the Huntington Civic Arena.

About 1,247 bachelor's degrees and 272 associate degrees will be awarded, according to a media release from University Relations.

"Commencement is a very spe-

cial time for the entire university," said Registrar Roberta Ferguson, according to the release. "The Marshall University faculty, academic deans, administrators and staff take great pride in assisting students in achieving their educational goals."

"The commencement ceremony is the culmination of these efforts."

About 359 students are to graduate with honors, including 43 summa cum laude, 95 magna cum laude, 179 cum laude, 15 high honors and 27 honors students. Four students will gradu-

ate with 4.0 grade point averages.

"Graduates receive formal recognition of their accomplishments, and also use the ceremony as a way to convey their appreciation to parents and others persons who have helped them," Ferguson said in the release. "We strive to make the ceremony memorable for the graduates and their guests."

Harvey White, chairman and CEO of Leap Wireless International Inc., will be the featured speaker.

According to the release, Leap

Wireless International is a leader in wireless communications and serves as a carrier that deploys, owns and operates wireless networks in domestic and international markets.

Leap has a bachelor's degree in economics from Marshall.

Because of limited parking near the Civic Arena, Marshall will provide shuttle buses to transport graduates and guests.

Those who want to take the shuttle are to park on the university lots at the Joan C. Edwards Fine and Performing Arts Center and the Welcome

Center, along Fifth Avenue; the football stadium and Lot F, across from Smith Hall along Third Avenue.

According to the release, shuttle service will begin at 7:45 a.m. and will occur in 15-minute intervals. After commencement, buses will transport passengers back to campus.

Students who completed their degree requirements last summer and in December 1999 also will be participating.

More information is available from the Office of the Registrar by calling 696-6410.

MORE INFO

Commencement ceremonies. Saturday, May 6.
When: 9 a.m.

Where: Huntington Civic Arena.

The 2000 commencement will be the largest in the university's history, with 1,247 bachelor's and 272 associate degrees being awarded.

Playing around

photo by Terri Blair

RIGHT: Weirton freshman Chris Cullinan (left) and Cross Lanes sophomore Rick Evans try to knock one another off the Rock em' Sock em' Wednesday on Buskirk Field. Interhall Governmental Council and the Residence Hall Association sponsored a Spring Fling on the field Wednesday. In addition to the jousting game, there was a bungee run and picnic.

photo by Mike Andrick

BELOW: Richwood, W.Va., sophomore Jesse Hughart (left) and Brooke, W.Va., freshman Geoff Cooper strum their guitars and sing a song Wednesday on the Memorial Student Center Plaza.



Faculty Senate looks at future

by KRISTA CRAWFORD
staff reporter

Today's Faculty Senate meeting, at 4 p.m. in the John Marshall Room of the Memorial Student Center, will include a resolution on the future of the Faculty Senate.

Donna Donathan, Faculty Senate president, said because of the action of the West Virginia Legislature regarding the separation of the Community and Technical College from Marshall University, changes will have to be made to the structure of Faculty Senate. But, a resolution calls for a year of transition.

A resolution to keep the current Faculty Senate structure, including the Community and Technical College for the year 2000-2001, is scheduled to be presented to the senate today.

According to the resolution, faculty representatives from the Community and Technical College will remain on the Faculty Senate standing committees and as faculty senators. These members also would be eligible to hold office during this transitional year.

A second part of the resolution suggests that an Ad Hoc Committee be formed for fall 2000 to study constitutional issues which may occur as a result of the restructuring of higher education. Donathan said she thought

the issue of the future of the Faculty Senate would bring about the most discussion.

The senate also will vote on a recommendation for a new area of emphasis entitled non-teaching in the College of Education and Human Services.

The non-teaching emphasis would give students who are unable to complete their capstone experience, of student teaching an alternative to withdrawing from the program. Students would be given the

opportunity to complete an alternative capstone experience to receive a bachelor's degree in elementary education or secondary education. These students' transcripts would indicate the "Area of Emphasis: Non-teaching."

Other issues to be discussed include recommendations to add, change and delete courses, and for the approval of a friendly amendment to the Marshall University Technology Environment Usage Policy for students.

Standing committee reports will be presented on physical facilities and planning, the research committee, student conduct and welfare, and university functions.



Donathan

Many black athletes, few faculty

Editor's note: This is the final of a three-part series about the low number of African American faculty on campus.

by AARON E. RUNYON
sports editor

Thirty-five of the Thundering Herd football team's 44 first- and second-string offensive and defensive players are African Americans.

According to the Statistical Profile of Higher Education in West Virginia for 1998-99, Marshall employs 17 full-time African American professors of its 466 full-time faculty, representing 3.6 percent of the university faculty.

Some Marshall faculty and students say that gap is unnecessarily low.

"If we approached the hiring of African American faculty the

way we approach athletic recruiting, it would be different," said Dr. Elaine Baker, psychology professor and director of the Center for Teaching Excellence. "If you want to go after the best, you go after them and get them here. If you want the best, you bring people here that you think are worthy of being hired. I don't think we do that with African American faculty."

Baker said she thinks the

under representation discourages interested African American faculty from considering Marshall as a workplace.

"If I went to an institution and interviewed for a job and I was told that 515 of the faculty were men and 15 were women, I would expect that place to be sexist," Baker said. "It's important to have people around that

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Almost 60 turn out for SGA blood drive

by RHANDA M. FARMER
reporter

Student Government Association President Bill Walker said, "It's my turn," and took a deep breath before approaching the table.

Walker was one of almost 60 students, faculty members and university employees who donated blood in the SGA blood drive Wednesday for the Red Cross.

"An event like this is good in several ways," Walker said.

"It benefits the community and the Red Cross while giving students a chance to get involved."

"It also shows students that student government is going to be involved in activities like this and all we need are willing participants to make this a successful year."

Walker said preparation for the blood drive had started at 8:30 a.m. and that 10 people were waiting to donate before the drive officially began at 11 a.m.

Among those donating was Director of Special Projects Kris Parker.

"I've helped with blood drives

"An event like this is good in several ways."

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Bill Walker,
SGA president

in the past, but this is the first time I've been talked into donating," Parker said. "It's not bad at all."

A total of 58 students, faculty and university employees donated blood. Cincinnati sophomore Christina McCormick said that she donated in the hopes that it would save someone's life.

Huntington senior Teresa Scaggs had different reasons for donating.

"My mom received blood when I was born, so I'm a repeat donor. Today will be my 13th donation," she said.



WALKER



An exhibit featuring 19th and 20th century replicas of works from the Dahesh Museum is on display on the third floor of the John Deaver Drinko Library.

photo by Mike Andrick

Views vary on importance of athletics and academics

Editor's Note: This is the final in a three part series on the effects of a successful athletic program on a university.

by EVAN BEVINS
for The Parthenon

A plaque in the lobby of the Athletic Department bears the inscription: "Commitment to Excellence in the Classroom and on the Field of Play." There's a reason the classroom part comes first.

"We're here to educate students; that's what we're all about," Dr. Sarah N. Denman,

senior vice president for academic affairs, said.

Marshall football Coach Bob Pruett also emphasizes the importance of the academic side of college football. At the end of a spring practice session, he congratulated his players on their hard work on the field, but cautioned them to keep up their class work.

"We tell them when they leave here, we want them to have a diploma in one hand and a championship ring on another," he said.

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Athletics

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With a 50-4 record, a I-AA national championship, three Mid-American Conference championships and two Motor City Bowl titles in his four years as Marshall's head coach, Pruett's teams have lived up to the second part of the equation. As for the first, the football team had a collective grade point average of 2.54, with eight players posting a 4.0 gpa in the fall semester.

Forty football players made the dean's list, with gpas of 3.0 or higher, according to an abbreviated report released by Michelle Duncan, director of the Buck Harless Student Athlete Program, cited in the Feb. 4 issue of The Parthenon.

Faculty Athletics Representative Linda Wilkinson said athletic scholarships are a tool for education. "They play sports for four years, but this college degree will serve them for a lifetime."

Wilkinson said she believes striking a balance between academics and athletics is manageable. "I think a student-athlete is like any other student. He or she has to carefully budget his or her time," she said.

That can be a problem for incoming student-athletes, according to junior defensive lineman Paul Toviesi. He said when players come in as freshmen, they lack good time management. "When you're done with football, you're dead tired," he said. "People think being a student-athlete is easy. It's not."

John Cooper, a junior wide receiver for the Thundering Herd, agrees. "They don't realize playing sports is like having a 40-hour-a-week job," he said. "You've got to have tough discipline," Cooper said.

Pruett said he and his staff do their best to provide some of that discipline. "We give them time management lectures, seminars," he said. "We get them up real early in the morning and run them so they'll be awake and alert."

Beatrice Crane, associate athletic director for Olympic sports, suggests the increased exposure brought on by Marshall's move to the MAC may help motivate student-athletes.

"I think that when our student-athletes understand the national spotlight is focused on them, it provides them an incentive to work harder in all areas," she said. Dr. Michael J. Hicks, director of applied research for the Center of Business and Economic Research, came to Marshall in 1999 from the University of Tennessee. He said athletes are among the best students he's had in class.

Hicks dismisses the idea that athletes are in college solely to play sports. He pointed out that student-athletes have to meet minimum requirements and more college football players go to medical school than to the NFL.

"Only three or four of those guys are ever going to be famous after their last senior game," he said. "College athletics were around long before there was an NFL."

Another concern Hicks addressed was the "unwarranted criticism" that athletics takes

money from academics. Denman said the concern over redirection of resources is sometimes genuine. "I think there's a fear in most schools that, with limited resources, which way should they go?"

George Grover, Cincinnati graduate student, said Marshall places too much emphasis on football. "I avoided this college because of the overemphasis [on athletics] as an undergraduate," he said. He thoroughly researched Marshall's master's program in teaching before coming to the school, he said.

"Everything in life is open to criticism" Pruett said.

Victims take back the night

The Women's Studies Student Association (WSSA) will present "Take Back the Night" today at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

The event will honor the survivors of sexual assault, incest and domestic violence.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the WSSA will have a display table featuring 16 student and community action groups. The purpose is to raise awareness about rape and violence.

At 6 p.m., there will be a march that will start at the plaza, to 5th Avenue, 20th Street and back to the plaza.

A 7 p.m. rally on the plaza will feature Cabell County assistant prosecuting attorney Jules Dowles Shepard, Dr. Amy Hudock, English professor, Dr. Montserrat Miller, history professor and Dr. Kellie Bean, English professor.

Race relations

■ From page 1

are similar to you, because we do have different experiences than the majority. And I think they [recruited or new faculty] have to wonder why there so few African American faculty here."

Baker said an obvious resolution would be to create an improved "comfortable atmosphere through massive hiring at one time."

"That would boost those numbers to a critical level instantly," she said. "Otherwise, the African American faculty come in and spend a year isolated and alone. When they can't find any friends quickly, they leave very quickly."

Marshall's Office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs offers the Carter G. Woodson Faculty Initiative, designed to increase the number of minority faculty by providing the means for selected individuals to enroll in programs to earn a doctoral degree and become full-time, tenure-track faculty at Marshall.

"This initiative enhances diversity," David Harris, Marshall's director of Equity Programs, said. "We try to attract qualified individuals here when they are pursuing their [doctoral degrees]. We cover most expenses and they agree to stay on as faculty. We hope they stay on longer."

Dr. Ernest Middleton, associate vice president for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, said measures must be taken to overcome excuses for the lack of black faculty. "Often in an area such as Huntington the prevailing thought is 'We can't find them' or 'They don't want to come,'" Middleton said. "But we have to try and come up with a number of different systems to resolve this problem."

Middleton said one of the resolutions is to "grow your own" and produce African American professors from graduate programs. "It is vital that once they complete their degrees, they can become part of the Marshall faculty," he said. Senior Adam Martin says that is a definite option in his future. "Marshall has become my home," said Martin, of Roanoke, Va. "It's like my family and friends are here now. I would like to stay around and help in the community after I graduate."

Middleton said he thinks recruiting includes increased pay to attract quality professors.

"You have to be willing to find more incentives," he said. "We all need to be willing to make the necessary commitments to make that happen. We have to be competitive. Whether you're in private or public industry, there is always supply and demand. You have to pay to fill that demand."

But Baker said increasing wages as a lure may cause other problems. "One of the difficulties you run into is that white faculty feel resentful if you pay African American faculty more than you pay a white person," Baker said. "That's a difficult situation if you can only bring someone in at a level of professor. Then you've already created antagonism in the department."

Philip Carter, professor and assistant chairman of the social work department, said more African American faculty in departments would create a linking tool for recruitment.

"There is no linkage to call upon," Carter said. "We need those links to ensure a maximum effort for recruitment. If all the sanctions were in place, it would appear that twice a year there would be a large recruiting effort. We would bring in 20-50 African American faculty members each time."

Martin said he thinks the Marshall community will remain unchanged. "It's going to be hard because of the conditions of the environment," he said. "It's going to be 20 years down the road before the changes in hiring will. I wish it would change sooner, but it's going to be a tough process."

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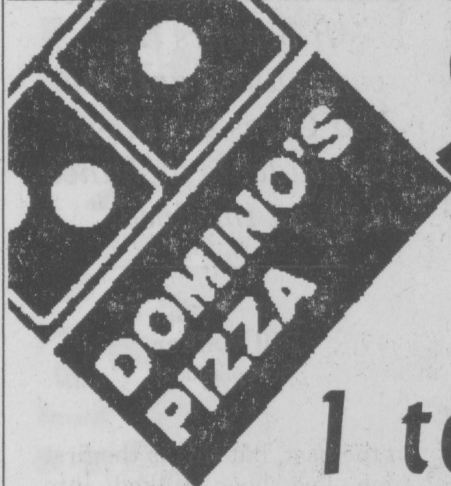
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Judge O'Hanlon is married to Dr. Kathleen O'Hanlon who earned her Bachelor of Science Degree from Marshall University and her Medical Degree from the Marshall University School of Medicine. Dr. O'Hanlon is a Full Professor of Medicine in Marshall University School of Medicine's Department of Family and Community Health. She also works for University Family Practice providing quality health care for families.

Judge O'Hanlon and Dr. O'Hanlon believe Marshall University is an integral part of the community. Judge O'Hanlon's services at Marshall University have included: Director, Legal Assistant Program (1978-1980); Department Chairman, Criminal Justice (1980-1984); Marshall University Board of Trustees (1983-1984); and Marshall University COGS Advisory Board (1996-1997). Both are loyal supporters of Marshall University and Big Green members.

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Saying Goodbye: Should I jump for joy or shed tears?

I don't know what to say. I'm not here to bitch about anything. I'm not here to splash pointless humor across the page.

I'm here to say goodbye. I'm sure there's a number of readers out there ready, cheering, for my goodbye. I've made a few enemies this semester. I've had an e-mail stalker, some threatening letters and a lot of people who questioned my motives. But that happens with any newspaper. Actually, I'm happy The Parthenon has been no different.

Although my editorship has officially ended, that's not what saddens me. I can't wait to be able to attend class faithfully, have ample study time and a reasonable social life. Wait, that sounds like I will be a returning student. That's what saddens me.

As it turns out, I'm not ready for graduation and will return as a student in the fall. I've been told hardly anyone graduates in four years, so I'm not bent about that. It's the fact that a



BUTCH BARKER
editor

lot of my close friends are leaving.

Philip, Jacob, Rebecca, Carrie, Erin ... Each has their own story. I met Philip my freshman year with the help of the Marlboro man. I was having a difficult time adjusting to college and my Twin Towers East roommate. I couldn't have met him at a better time.

We later became roommates and began our mischievous friendship. We listened to each other vomit in trash cans after crazy nights out. We formed a friendship like none I've had before. He will graduate and move on after this semester. I'll be in Journalism Ethics

class. Jacob, the current Parthenon Life! editor and my roommate, has been a friend and a mentor. We met as we lived on the same floor in TTE. From my first impressions, I thought this guy with a Napoleon Complex could never be my friend.

After terrorizing the 12th Floor of TTE, racking up a vandalism bill and studying journalism together, I know he's been one of the best things about my college life. He will graduate and move on. I'll be in Contemporary American Poetry class.

Rebecca's been my boss (as spring 1999 Parthenon editor) and I have been her boss. If she was someone else, we might not have been able to make it. I met her early in my journalism career. We've "grown up" together in the classrooms of Smith Hall. I'll never forget our dart throwing at 20th Street Bar and Grill. She's graduating, getting married and moving on. I'll be in Philosophy

340 class.

Carrie — the fastest growing friend I've made — will always be the girl I hated, but grew to love as a friend. I first came into contact with her when I was Life! editor last spring. She sat behind me in Journalism Law and had no idea I worked for The Parthenon. As she slammed one of my page designs, I knew I hated her. But I later found out she was great. Our tumbles down stairs and smoke breaks have been a blast. She will graduate and move on. I'll be in Cross-Media News class.

Erin. What a girl. We met my freshman year and with some "time off" have become great friends again. Our nights at the Union singing "Son of a Preacher Man" still cross my mind. Our drives to Teays Valley at 4 a.m. do too. She will graduate and move on. I'll be in Integrated Science class. I'll miss them all.

But I'll also miss The Parthenon, even the new enemies I've made. It's been rough this semester with classes

and being editor. But to be honest, I don't know what I'm going to do when I don't have to be here until 3 a.m. every night. It's been great working for and with the students of Marshall. I imagine there are a lot of you out there like me, thinking about the fall semester, and wondering how you're going to spend your free time with all the empty holes in your phone list.

I think maybe I'll find a new hobby. Can't imagine what though. Maybe I'll get my pilot's license. After three semesters of The Parthenon flying a plane would be like cake.

Anyway, for many of us, it's time to start saying goodbyes. Make them count. You never know who you'll see again. It's a big, crazy world. I am actually kind of glad I get to stay in the playground for a little bit longer.

See you in History class.

Butch Barker was editor of The Parthenon. You can still reach him at barker14@marshall.edu for insults, compliments or good-byes.

In denial over the real world



CARRIE SMITH
wire editor

The last issue of The Parthenon, finals, internships, graduation, sanity, blah, blah, blah.

I guess receiving that coveted degree is as good a time as any to reflect on this past semester and where the future will take me, so here goes.

Wednesday was the last time I had to sit in front of this crazy computer (that gets a bomb on the screen every 15 minutes signaling a crash) and layout a page for The Parthenon. I'm sure I speak for all six of the editors who spent at least ten hours a day, four days a week in 311 Smith Hall when I say that we won't miss the late nights, the endless bickering and the delirium from lack of sleep.

On the other hand, we will certainly miss the "perfect" Parthenon cheerleading sessions, ballet competitions and laughing ourselves silly over some guy named King Bob Fish.

While there was a lot of complaining and countdowns to the last issue, I'm sure that once it sets in that it is over, I'm actually going to be sad. I've had the good fortune to work with and learn from some really talented individuals who will all be going places and quickly. For this, I am grateful and I look forward to our reunion in 15 years at the "real" Parthenon.

Now that this "editor thing" is over, I have one week to catch up on the homework and studying I put off all semester. I should also take this time and space to apologize to Dr. Bellis for missing his class every other day. I swear it was for Parthenon-related reasons, not because I am a slacker!

So, if only I can make it through finals week, I'll survive. Oh wait, that means, I'll have to survive the real world. And, if you ask any of my family and friends, they'll tell you they have little confidence that I'll be able to do it. I've suffered through many a nervous breakdown these past couple of weeks. As soon as finals are over, I am packing up all my belongings and heading to Charleston to do an internship at the Charleston Daily Mail.

As much stress as this whole thing has given me, you would think I was moving to New York City. I've called home and cried at least 10 times, driven my roommate crazy and developed a severe case of insomnia. Luckily, I have a wonderful support system or else I would be wearing a straight jacket by now. So, thank you to my parents who have supported every decision I have ever made; Donna, who has shown me the meaning of the word generosity; Tara Dawn, who has made me laugh continuously for seven years; and my co-workers, who have become my best friends and have kept me sane by letting me be insane.

I guess what I'm really trying to say is that I'm in denial about the real world. All these years of wanting so badly to graduate and now all I want to do is crawl into bed and pull the covers up over my head.

OUR view

Elevator safety at Marshall needs to be examined

We use them every day and never give a second thought to their safety — or lack thereof, in this case.

One of the motors of the central elevator in Old Main overheated this past Friday, sending smoke on the second and third floors of the building. Old Main was evacuated until the Huntington Fire Department came to ensure the building was safe. No one was on the

elevator at the time.

A short trip to run some errands April 14 turned into a one-hour ordeal for Shirley Henson, Alumni Affairs program assistant. Henson was trapped in the same Old Main elevator for about an hour before the elevator technician arrived to free her.

Two problems with the same elevator in the past month and a half is nothing

to take lightly. We hope Marshall's administration and physical plant are planning to do something about it.

Either the elevator needs replaced, or shut down permanently. Those with the power to do something should not sit by and watch — as perhaps the next elevator problem may take a life.

And that just can't be replaced.

Friends, teachers will be missed

My eyes normally are brownish-green, but today they may be bloodshot-red.

Because, starting today, I expect to cry a lot during the next week.

Wednesday, I helped publish The Parthenon for the last time. After devoting four years to our student newspaper, working in many capacities from reporter to editor-in-chief, it's over — and I can't believe it.

The Parthenon has been the most important experience in my life. Although it provided me with hands-on experience unmatched by lessons learned in other newsrooms or classrooms, I cherish working here because it provided me with lifelong friends I may never have known otherwise.

For that, I'm thankful.

Next week, I will graduate Summa Cum Laude. Next month, I will move to Indianapolis, where I will complete a sports writing fellowship with The Indianapolis Star.

When I leave Marshall and Huntington, I will have to say goodbye to the friends I made at college. Before saying my goodbyes, I would like to give my thanks.

To Andrea Sells, thanks for the



JACOB MESSER
Life! editor

best 11 months of my life. I learned a lot about life and love when I was with you. I hope we can do it again someday.

To Dr. Ralph Turner, thanks for teaching me to strive for perfection, but to know it is not attainable. Now, I concentrate on the many things I do well instead of the few things I do poorly.

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To Carrie Smith and Andrea Copley, thanks for putting up with my "problem" and helping me through a tough semester. I wish we would have become friends sooner.

Along with my parents, you all have been important people in my life during college. I appreciate and will miss you. Goodbye.

Farewell column, farewell Marshall University

by MARK BLEVINS
columnist

We have come to the end of the semester. It is the end of the school year for many and it is the end of this column. I decided to transfer back to Concord College and I'm beginning to feel like a pingpong ball being bounced back and forth. It's been an interesting year at Marshall and I have learned a great deal from the professors.

I have sometimes wondered what the point of this column was. I really didn't try to tackle anything hard-hitting because the editorial page has had enough seriousness without my help. I never intentionally offended anyone, not even "Jeopardy" fans. I guess in the end I hoped that someone might gain an understanding of the pain I feel while watching rotten television commercials. I also hoped they might find that amusing.

I'd like to thank the editors at The Parthenon and Marilyn McClure, adviser for the paper,

for allowing me to write this dribble on a regular basis. I've learned a lot about living by myself and I have attempted to share some of this with readers.

I have also found out that for some strange reason every time I go to the laundromat, someone plays Billy Ray Cyrus. Those of you with short memories may not recall when Billy hit it big with "Achy Breaky Heart" back in the past decade known as the '90s. It's not that song that is played, but one of the songs he released after "Achy Breaky". I hate it and I'm not fond of Billy Ray either, but I felt I should share this in case anyone else goes to the laundromat on Third avenue.

There isn't much to add except that if people had as much fun reading this column as I did writing it, then that's too bad because I get depressed when I write. Not really, but I'm not exactly happy either. I took this task seriously. Seriously enough that if I didn't have a column ready for the next week I got

nervous. Hence, I wrote about writer's block. You can do that sort of thing once in a column, but more than that and you're trying the audience's patience. If you get writer's block often you shouldn't be writing a column to begin with.

It has been fun writing this column, though. I'm not a loud person so some things, such as my dislike of the Taco Bell dog, stay bottled inside. Doctors say it isn't good to keep feelings bottled inside and so I shared my phobias and obsessions with you, the reader. I'm still as mixed up as I was when I came to Marshall, but at least I got a few things off my chest.

And that, I suppose is it. It's times like these when I wish I had some great statement to make as I write these final words. I don't, but if I did I'd probably keep them to myself. Great statements only come along so often. I'll quote "Seinfeld" instead. As George Costanza once said, "It's not a lie if you believe it." Thanks for reading.

Learn to live for yourself



REBECCA CANTLEY
news editor

Each night when I lie down to go to sleep, it hits me. I pull the comforter under my chin, nestle my head in the pillow, and then, BOOM! It hits me.

My heart starts jumping and beads of sweat form on my forehead. A thousand questions race through my brain, but one echoes louder than the rest — "What the hell are you doing?"

In one week, a series of major changes in my life will begin. I will graduate May 6, get married June 3 and then move to Dallas, where I will start an internship as a metro reporter for The Dallas Morning News. Yeah, I decided to do everything at once.

In the midst of picking out bridesmaids dresses and wedding invitations, I worked full-time as The Parthenon news editor, balanced 17 credit hours and attended premarital counseling sometimes twice a week.

I think I've earned the right to say I'm a pretty strong woman. However, I've realized my limits.

While some college students lament the fact they feel like slackers, I have the opposite problem. I am hopelessly an overachiever. I am a perfectionist, and trust me, that often can be a miserable existence.

But, one good thing has come out of all this insanity. I've learned that when you take on too many responsibilities, you can't do anything to the best of your ability.

I've also learned what's important in life, and it's not always grades or awards. It's doing what makes you happy. The key word there is "you." Do what makes you happy. Not your parents, not your professors, not your friends. Just you.

Working hard is important, and it feels great when you get recognized for your efforts. But, sometimes the stress you have to go through to win the race isn't worth the prize.

Now, I'm not suggesting we all become partiers and only live for the moment. I always will be a hard worker, but from now on, I'm going to make choices about what's worth the effort and what's not.

I think we all, at times, get too caught up in our work and forget that activities such as reading a book, watching your favorite TV show or spending time with your children are important.

Those things make us human. Unless we make them priority once in a while, we get bogged down in our responsibilities. And, before we realize it, an entire semester, or perhaps 10 years, has passed by and we regret that we didn't spend more time enjoying life and one another.

This semester has been rough. There were times I honestly thought I would pass out climbing the steps in Smith Hall. But, it's over, and I've learned my lesson — being a work-a-holic is not a good thing.

So, to my friends at The Parthenon and especially to my fiancé, John, I'm sorry I haven't been myself lately. I haven't smiled or laughed enough with you this semester.

However, my memories of The Parthenon are sweet ones. The friendship within the newsroom helped me make it through those days when I felt like giving up. To my fellow editors, "I love you," and I'll see you in 2015 when we have our reunion at the real Parthenon in Greece.

Forensic Science program gets students' hands dirty

by COURTNEY M. ROSS
reporter

Receiving hands-on experience with death and crime scene investigations and locating and recovering buried or skeletonized human remains are not just something on television, but part of some Marshall graduate students' education.

The Marshall University Forensic Science Program has developed a training program designed to assist state and local law enforcement agencies in death investigations across the state.

William Gardner, instructor of Forensic Medicine and Coroner

for Cabell and Wayne counties, and Dr. Terry Fenger, chairman of the Marshall Forensic Science Program, developed the two-track program.

The first track offers practical experience in fires, arson and explosive investigations. It was developed in cooperation with the city of Huntington and its mayor, fire chief and police department, along with the West Virginia Fire Marshal's Office and the State Police Forensic Science Laboratory, according to a news release.

Students receive instruction and experience in the field and in laboratory methods associated with the death and crime

scene investigations.

"We basically have two things going on," Gardner said. "The first track is to provide lab experience in forensic chemistry from the standpoint of using different instruments. It will also give students experience of learning how to investigate fire arson scenes."

When the track is completed, the graduate has the option of working in a crime lab as a forensic chemist or working for an agency as a field investigator, Gardner said.

"If the student goes to work in the lab, they will have the necessary training at that point.

They will know how to get evidence to the lab," Gardner said. "If the student goes to work in the field, they will know what to look for, how to package them and how to submit them."

The second track of the program allows students to assist the Cabell and Wayne County Coroner's office and local law enforcement agencies in on-scene death investigations and in the location and recovery of buried or skeletonized human remains.

Marshall students have assisted in the location, recovery and subsequent identifications of five people within the past year.

"Our approach to forensic training allows master's level graduates to enter the work force with solid, practical training and knowledge of the forensic field," Gardner said in the news release. "We can offer no more realistic practical experience than assisting coroners in real cases."

The program is offered to first-year students in their second semester, Gardner said. All students are required to complete an internship.

The Forensic Science Program has been operating since 1994. Its development began with the graduate level courses that were offered to West Virginia State

Police criminalists in 1992.

The program offers a graduate level degree program and a broadbased learning experience in DNA technologies, bioterrorism, crime scene and death investigations, toxicology, fingerprints, ballistics, arson, explosives, digital image processing, microscopy, trace evidence and legal issues in forensic science.

"This program will provide hands-on experience and course work in forensic science outside of regular courses," Gardner said. "This program will put these students ahead of other graduate students with master's degrees."

briefly...

CSEGA gets book, exhibit donations

CSEGA will announce the donation of an exhibit by Dr. Susan and Geoff Eacker and books from Cherokee-Appalachian writer Marilou Awiaka at 2 p.m. today in the third floor atrium of Drinko Library.

The Eackers, 1997 Rockefeller Scholars-In-Residence, will donate their exhibit "Banjo Women in West Virginia and Eastern Kentucky" to the library for educational purposes, Shirley A. Lumpkin, CSEGA co-director, said.

"It gives a clearer picture of the nature and the culture in the area," Lumpkin said.

Awiaka will donate her books "Rising Fawn and The Fire Mystery: A Story of Heritage, Family, and Courage, 1833" and "Abiding Appalachia: Where Mountain and Atom Meet". The books were written in response to her visit to West Virginia, Mary K. Thomas, CSEGA administrative assistant, said.

"The exhibits will give a better understanding of the kind of rooted diversity in Appalachia," Lumpkin said.

Group to create student creed

A subcommittee has been formed by the Office of Student Affairs to draft a student creed that will encompass university ideals and what it means to be a student at Marshall University.

Dr. Donnalee Cockrille, dean of student affairs, will serve as chairwoman.

"We are interested in pursuing a creed that has a pervading principle for a community of students that would be dedicated to personal and academic excellence," Cockrille said.

The subcommittee will meet in the fall. The faculty senate will vote on creed proposals, which will go to the university president for approval.

A published version of the creed should be expected for the spring 2001 semester.

Players to present improv Friday

A new student organization called the Ten Cent Players will perform improvisational comedy at 11:30 a.m. Friday at the Memorial Student Center plaza.

"If you've watched the show 'Whose Line Is It Anyway?' you probably have the basic idea," Gregory W. Wheeler, president of Ten Cent Players, said. "We're planning on doing some improvisation based on the party quirks and world's worst segments of the show."

Eight people are involved with the group and are looking to recruit more.

"Students who join the organization not only have a creative outlet," he said, "they also have a chance to work behind the scenes, writing material or directing the cast."

More information about the Ten Cent Players is available by sending e-mail to wheeler10@marshall.edu.

POLICE BLOTTER

Overheated elevator motor sets off Old Main fire alarm

by DIANE POTTORFF
reporter

The following information was taken from Marshall University Police Department reports:

At 2 p.m. Friday, April 21, the fire alarm system was activated at Old Main.

When MUPD officers arrived, they noticed smoke on the second and third floors and called the Huntington Fire Department. Old Main was evacuated.

It was determined that a motor on top of the center elevator, which controls the opening and closing the doors, had overheated. No one was on the elevator at the time.

Otis Elevator Service was notified to repair the problem.

LARCENY: On April 18, a complainant told police her Discover credit card was missing from her room in Buskirk Hall.

After an investigation, officers arrested Jeevana Wells, 20, for larceny. Police allege Wells took the card to the 7-Eleven at 1901 Fifth Ave. and withdrew a cash advance of \$400. Police notified Discover Card.

Wells was taken to the Cabell County magistrate's office and was given a \$3,000 bond. She was then taken to the Cabell County Jail.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: Officers observed Brent Edward Perry, 20, staggering on the 1600 block of College Avenue at 1:30 a.m. April 21.

Officers noticed Perry had slurred speech, a strong smell of alcohol and red, glassy eyes.

He was arrested on charges of public intoxication and taken to the Cabell County Jail.

PUBLIC INTOXICATION: Officers observed a man staggering in the 1600 block of Fifth Avenue and then attempted to enter Corby at 4:09 a.m. April 21.

Officers arrested Michael Cross, 19, on charges of public intoxication when they noticed he had a strong smell of alcohol, did not know where he was and could not remember his address.

He was taken to the Cabell County Jail.

VIOLATION OF DVP: On April 21, Larry Don Hooker, 21, turned himself in to MUPD for vio-

lating a domestic violence petition. He was arrested and taken to the Cabell County magistrate's office and released on \$3,000 bond.

DUI: At 3:15 a.m. April 22, officers observed a driver on a motorcycle run a red light at 17th Street and Fifth Avenue and continuing east at a high rate of speed.

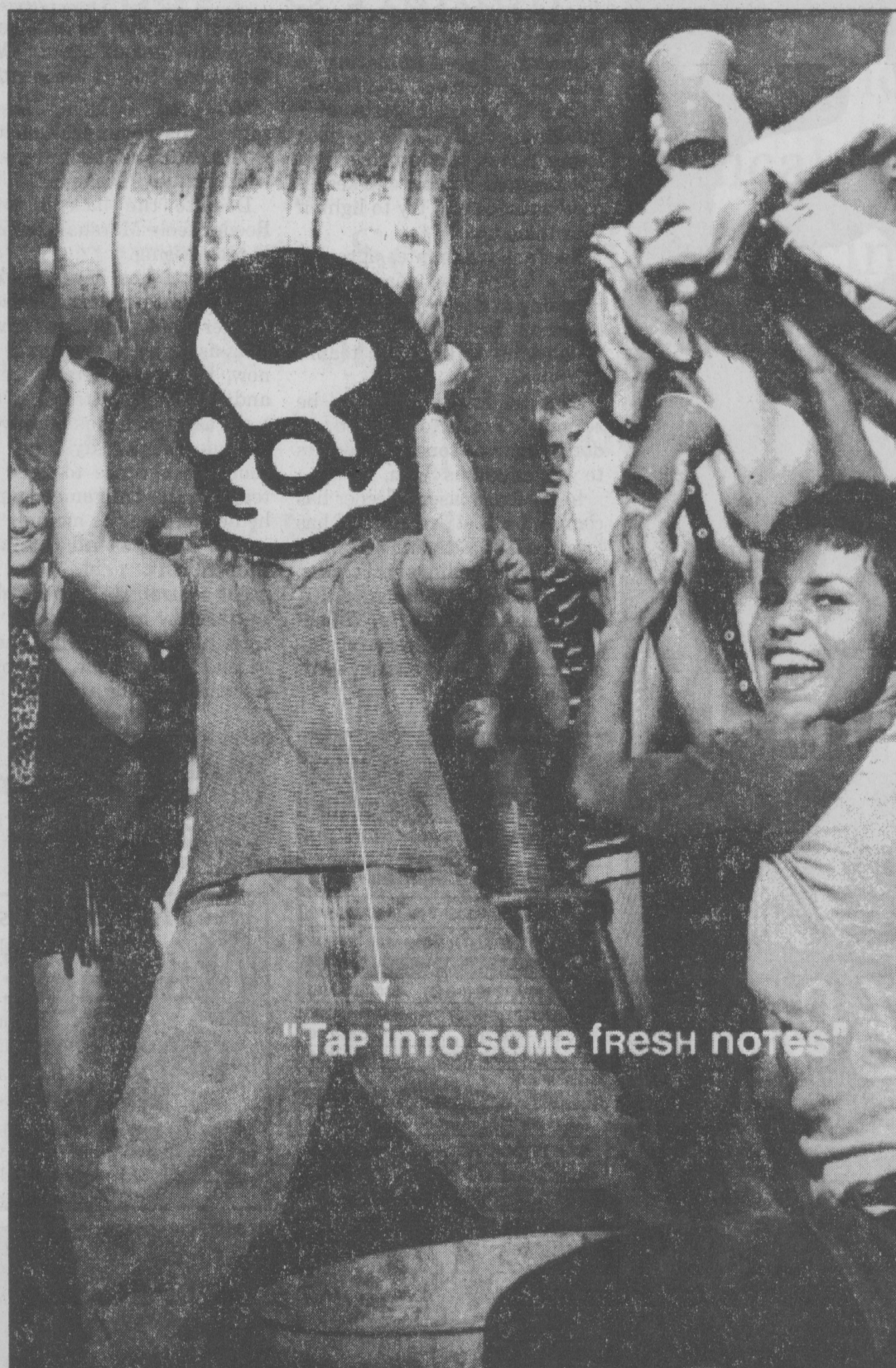
Officers stopped Scott Michael Humphrey, 31, in the 1900 block of Fifth Avenue.

Humphrey admitted to drinking. A license check with the West Virginia State Police showed Humphrey was driving on an invalid license.

After failing field sobriety tests, he was taken to the Huntington Police Department and was given a blood alcohol test. He had a blood alcohol level of .175.

Humphrey was arrested on driving under the influence and driving without a license and was taken to the Cabell County Jail.

MISSING PROPERTY: At 12:42 a.m. Tuesday, a complainant from Holderby Hall told officers that an unknown person had entered his dorm room and removed 14 to 18 CDs and a DVD player.



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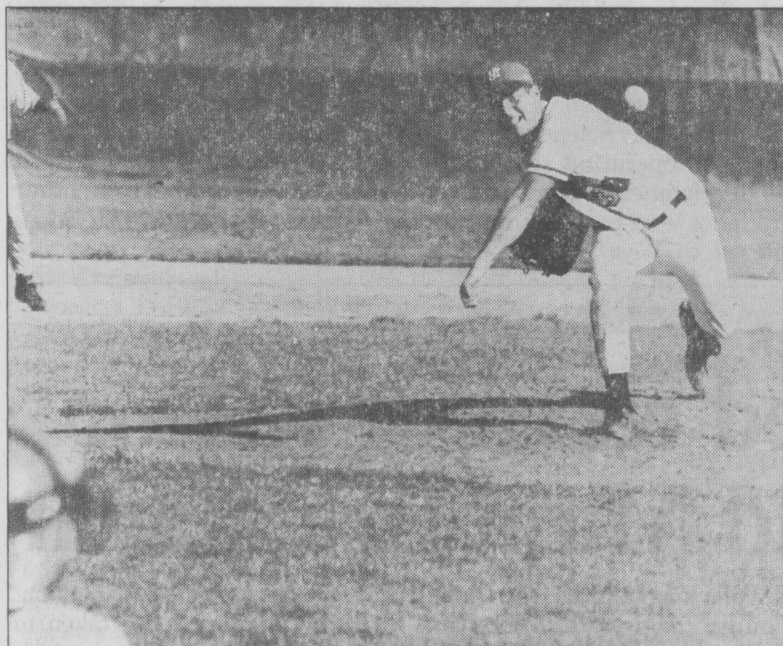


photo by Mike Andrick
Rick Suter delivers in Marshall's 13-12 win over VMI Wednesday.

Courtesy of the
Office of Sports Information

Sophomore outfielder Marty Rini belted his first career grand slam to lead the Thundering Herd to a 13-12 win in the second game of Wednesday's doubleheader against VMI at University Heights. Rini went 3-for-4 with six RBIs in the nightcap.

The win snapped Marshall's 12-game losing streak, which was extended with a 4-3 loss in the opening game of the twin bill. It was Marshall's 13th win of the season, topping last season's win total of 12.

The Thundering Herd (13-26-1) looked as if it would run away with game two after batting around in both the first and second inning, plating five runs in each frame. Marshall scored

three times in the third to take 13-3 lead. VMI made it a game, however, scoring nine unanswered runs, including a five-spot in the sixth.

Sophomore third baseman Homer Renshaw got Marshall on the board in the bottom of the first with a three-run double. Catcher Ryan Kobbe belted a double off the centerfield fence to drive in two more runs.

Rini's grand slam was the big blow in the second inning. Renshaw drove in the first run of the inning with a single that scored shortstop Jason Ricceri. Senior Eric Pinkerton started the Thundering Herd scoring in the third with a solo home run, his seventh of the season. Renshaw doubled for his third hit of the game and scored on a two-run single by Rini.

The Keydets trailed 13-6 in the top of the sixth inning, but battled back with five runs — led by a grand slam from Stephen Johnson. Johnson had three homeruns on the day. VMI would score another run in the top of the seventh to set the final score, but freshman Chris Wean struck out Johnson to end the game with the tying run on second base to earn the first save of his career.

Freshman Rick Suter (1-1) made his first career start for Marshall, throwing five innings and allowing six runs on eight hits for the win. Josh Rakes and Doug Dingess threw in relief.

Rini and Renshaw paced the Thundering Herd at the plate, each with three hits. They combined to drive in 10 of Marshall's 13 runs. Pinkerton and Eldridge also collected two hits. Pinkerton

doubled to tie Marshall Coach Dave Piepenbrink for second place on the Thundering Herd all-time doubles list with 41 career two-baggers.

Led by Stephen Johnson's homerun in the top of the seventh, VMI pulled out Wednesday's opener with a 4-3 win.

Marshall stranded 10 runners in the game, including the tying run on third when the game ended. Sean Reeder (5-8) suffered his fourth consecutive complete-game loss, allowing four runs on eight hits. Reeder struck out nine and walked seven. Pinkerton and Rini did the most damage at the plate with two hits each.

Marshall returns to Mid-American Conference play this weekend, hosting doubleheaders against Miami at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Reeder provides Herd with more than victories

by **WILLIAM FREANEY**
for The Parthenon

Senior Sean Reeder has been the winning pitcher in 15 of the Thundering Herd baseball team's 50 victories during the past four seasons.

But Reeder brings more than victories to Marshall's squad.

At Monday's 2000 Thundering Herd Awards Banquet, Marshall Coach Dave Piepenbrink issued Reeder the Baseball Leadership Award, commenting in his speech that the star hurler was the player that kept the team loose with his comedic antics.

"A lot of it is just the way I am," Reeder said of Piepenbrink's comments. "I grew up cutting up with my brother and it's natural."

"But a lot of it deals with thinking positive. When your losing games, you can't dwell on the negative. You have to keep a good attitude and try to lighten your team up."

Reeder's teammates agree. "He keeps the team alive, laughing and loose," senior first baseman Eric Pinkerton said. "Sean tries to keep the team's spirit up."

"But he knows when to be serious," Pinkerton added. "I don't know anyone that wants to win as bad as Sean."

In his four seasons Reeder has compiled a 15-18 record and has logged a 5.76 ERA and 58 strikeouts in 63 innings this year. During 1998, he recorded 107 strikeouts to break the Thundering Herd's single season strikeout record, formerly set by Matt Spade.



photo by Mike Andrick
Senior pitcher Sean Reeder delivers a fastball against VMI at University Heights Wednesday.

"It's good to have," Reeder said of his accomplishment. "I would much rather have some wins, but I will take it."

Despite the lack of wins, Reeder feels Marshall baseball is progressing.

"When I got here, we won seven games my first season," Reeder said. "We aren't winning as many as we would like now, but we're getting better and I think the attitude of this team as a whole has improved."

Piepenbrink says he can count on the ace to keep the team in the ballgame anytime he steps on the mound.

"He throws all strikes," Piepenbrink said. "He has great control. He has the ability to throw breaking balls and spot his fastball when he is behind in the count. We wouldn't trade him for anybody."

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A success story

Danny Derricott proves nonqualifiers can achieve academic, athletic goals

Editor's note: This is the final of a three-part series on partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers in Division I-A college football. This part focuses on Thundering Herd defensive back and former nonqualifier Danny Derricott. The first part revealed the policies regarding recruiting and accepting partials and nons at all 114 Division I-A programs, and the second part looked at Marshall's policies.

by JACOB MESSER
Life! editor

Danny Derricott dedicated the first 18 years of his life to being the best football player he could be, devoting hundreds of hours to team practices and individual workouts in hopes of earning a college scholarship for his athletic achievements and abilities.

His efforts were acknowledged when recruiting letters and scholarship offers started pouring in from powerhouse programs like Florida, Michigan and Tennessee during his junior and senior years at Patrick Henry High School in Ashland, Va.

Those letters stopped and those offers were withdrawn, though, as coaches discovered Derricott's dedication and perseverance did not extend off the football field and into the classroom.

"When you're the star player and you're a popular guy, things are handed to you," said

Derricott, who led his team to a state title and was named state player of the year in 1994.

"You're overlooked. You don't have to do anything to get by. I didn't worry about my schoolwork. All I wanted to do was play football."

But Derricott couldn't do that without meeting NCAA Clearinghouse standards.

"They didn't want to take a chance on me," he said.

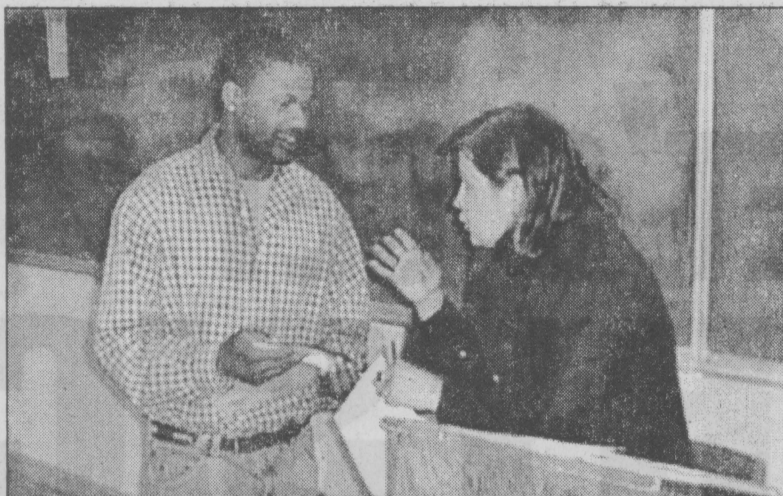
To make matters worse, Derricott watched his teammates sign national letters-of-intent to play for schools that were recruiting him.

More than 10 players from Patrick Henry High School received scholarships that year from Division I-A programs, including Florida, Boston College, Virginia Tech, Syracuse and Tennessee. But not Derricott.

"I was watching guys who didn't have as much talent as me go to the big-name schools," he said. "I wasn't going anywhere. I was so disappointed. My teammates had the grades and I didn't."

Derricott's academic problems continued during the rest of his senior year and he failed to graduate from high school.

He decided to attend Fork Union Military Academy, where he raised his grade point average and earned his diploma but still did not have the necessary test scores to play college football.



Danny Derricott talks to Ruth Sullivan, part-time journalism instructor, about an assignment during class.

Thundering Herd Coach Bob Pruett, who recruited Derricott when he was the defensive coordinator at Florida, called the athlete when he was hired to replace Jim Donnan.

Pruett told Derricott he could come to Marshall as a nonqualifier and join the Thundering Herd if he gained his eligibility after sitting out one year.

"That was my last chance," Derricott explained, pointing out that Pruett's call came on the final day of the signing period. "Coach Pruett said he would take me and give me a chance if I wanted to come to Marshall as a prop. It was a blessing."

"I was down and out because I thought my football career was over. I was overjoyed. I was going to make the most of the opportunity because I knew I might not get another one."

Derricott has indeed taken advantage of that opportunity, and today the senior defensive back is proof that partial qualifiers and nonqualifiers can

enjoy success in their athletic and academic endeavors if they are given opportunities.

"He has worked real hard," Pruett said of Derricott, a pre-season All-America selection on pace to graduate next May with a bachelor's degree in sports marketing. "He's done a good job academically and athletically."

His athletic achievements are well-documented. Derricott was responsible for game-winning or momentum-swinging plays in six games in 1998. He had 48 tackles and four interceptions in 1999.

His academic skills often are overlooked. His teachers and tutors say they shouldn't be.

"Danny has a sparkle in his eyes — a sparkle that shows he enjoys life," said Ruth Sullivan, a part-time instructor who teaches Derricott's Journalism and Mass Communications 330 class.

"I've never seen a student like him. He makes good grades, he comes to class and he completes his work on time."

Michelle Duncan, director of



the Buck Harless Student-Athlete Program, added, "Danny's full of energy and he targets that energy toward his goals of graduating from college and playing football. He's very outgoing and always willing to accept advice and do what we tell him to do."

Derricott admits he wasn't always like that. That's why he's so proud of his academic achievements.

"I'm doing what I should've

been doing all my life," Derricott said. "Those years of sitting out made me realize I couldn't mess up when I became eligible."

"This allowed me to establish myself all over again. It took a while for me to realize my priorities. It used to be football, family, education. Now, it's education, family, football."

"Football can be taken away from you," he added, "but your education can't."

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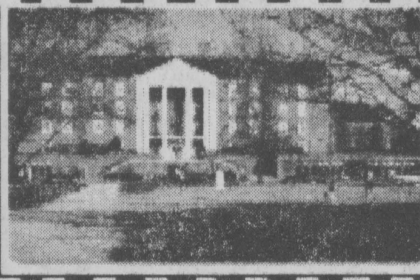
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The semester is over for The Parthenon. It has been our pleasure — and our pain — to bring you the campus news day-in and day-out for the past 16 weeks. There is only one week of school left, so hang in there. We wish everyone well on their finals and hope everyone has a great summer vacation. The Parthenon will begin publishing once a week during the summer with its special "U&MU" edition June 8. Until then, we bid you adieu.



LET'S GET PHYSICAL

Students getting fit for summer

Story and photos
by ROBYN JUSTICE
reporter

Summer is on its way, and some students may have fears of dressing less.

Many students take time before the start of the summer to begin exercising and weightlifting.

Students want the same results from their exercise program, but many have different reasons for working out.

Atlanta junior and Marshall's back-up quarterback Stephen Galbraith was in the W. Don Williams Health and Fitness Center on Tuesday working out to stay in shape for football.

Galbraith said many students are taking advantage of the weight room in the late spring for one reason, bathing suit time. He said some students in the weight room are working for a short-term goal, but many may not get what they want because of bad habits.

"Many people starting out have poor techniques," Galbraith said. "This means they are not getting the best results from their workout."

Charleston junior Maggie Frazier said

she works out year-round for her health and to keep in shape, but she notices an increase in people in the weight room before summer.

"Girls come in here to fit in their shorts and bathing suits and guys come in here to try to get fit and muscular," Frazier said.

Frazier said students who want to look good for the summer should realize the importance of exercise for other reasons. "If everybody exercised to be healthier instead of to lose weight or look good, they could accomplish both," she said.

Physical education professor Dr. Terry Shepherd said the students' new-found interest should not be a fad for the spring and summer months.

"Maintaining good general health over an entire lifetime decreases the risk of stroke, heart disease, and diabetes," he said.

Shepherd said optimum preparation for students should include an evaluation before beginning their exercise regimen.

The evaluation shows students their body composition, flexibility, muscle strength and cardiovascular endurance, Shepherd said. He said evaluations help students organize and refine their exercise programs as they progress.

"Evaluation can be redone to help show students their improvements, he said. "This makes students want to stay with their exercise program."

Laura Simmons, a graduate assistant in the Department of Exercise, Science, Sport and Recreation, performs the evaluations free for students. Simmons said the evaluation is a good tool of measurement for students beginning an exercise program.

"It's going to help the student know where they are at in fitness," she said.

Shepherd said there were two ways to approach exercise. The first is being active. "This could include general activities such as jogging, walking the dog or mowing the grass."

Another way to approach exercise is to become fit, which is attained through vigorous exercise, he added.

But Shepherd said this depends heavily on motivation.

"Both being active and becoming fit is a good way to burn calories," Shepherd said. "It depends on how hard you want to work and for how long."

Shepherd said the problem with most students beginning a workout program is starting too quickly.

"Too many students try to progress too fast because they get in a hurry," he said.

Dawn Furbank, a personal trainer at the YMCA in Huntington, agreed, adding that too many people tried to do too much too fast.

"The best thing to do is to start off with simple goals and have long term goals in the back of your mind," she said.

Working out too much, too fast can cause muscle soreness and a possibility of injury and that may cause problems with long-term progression, Shepherd said.

Furbank said a simple way to begin an exercise program for those who have not exercised for a long time is walking.

Brandon Bellew, a student assistant in the fitness center, said there was a steady increase of student traffic in the fitness center about a month before spring break.

"You see people in the fitness center around spring break that you haven't seen all year," Bellew said.

Shepherd said one of the most overlooked aspects of exercising is the lack of attention given to nutrition.

Shepherd said the best idea was not to diet, but to watch what you eat.

"Students should change the way they think about eating," he said. "They should think about what they eat, how they eat and how much they eat."

Simmons added, "Many students think exercise is a cure-all for losing weight and getting fit. But it's important to exercise and watch your calories and balance between the two."

Galbraith said eating right is as important as exercise. "When you drive around campus, there's a McDonald's and Burger King, and you want to give in, but if you eat right, you get better results from your exercise and stay in better shape," he said.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2000

Campus Crusade for Christ, Prime Time,
Marco's, 9:11 p.m. Contact:
primetime@mulife.org

University Christian Fellowship, meeting, Campus Christian Center, 7 p.m.
Contact: Mark Mills 696-3057.

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2000

Habitat for Humanity,
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